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SUBJ: AFGHAN PERSPECTIVES AFTER ASSASSINATION OF FRONT OF
PAKISTAN SENIOR MINISTER FOR NWFP SHERPAO

1. WAHEED ABDULLAH CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE LATE
AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 10 TO ASK ME TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY
HIS CONCERN AT THE REPORTED ARREST OF NATIONAL AWAMI
PARTY (NAP) LEADER WALI KHAN AND 60 LEADING NAP LEADERS.
ABDULLAH TOLD ME THAT PAKISTAN, RUSSIAN, PRC, IRANIAN,
AND ARAB AMBASSADORS HAD ALSO BEING CALLED TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY. TODAY FOR THIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN.

2. DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH (WHO IS DE FACTO FOREIGN MINISTER)
SAID THAT ARREST OF WALI KHAN, IF TRUE, WOULD HAVE THE
MOST SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE ATTEMPT TO GET A CONSTRUCTIVE
DIALOGUE GOING BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN.
ABDULLAH ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN(GOA)
DEPLORED SENSELESS ATTACKS OF VIOLENCE SUCH AS THE SHERPAO
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ASSASSINATION. ABDULLAH SAID THAT GOA WAS WAITING FOR

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PRIMIN BHUTTO'S COMMENT ON THIS REGRETTABLE MATTER AND
HOPED THAT A STATEMENT WOULD BE WITHHELD UNTIL EVIDENCE
WAS FOUND SO THAT NO UNFOUNDED CHARGES WOULD BE MADE ABOUT
ANYONE, ESPECIALLY THE GOA, OR THE NAP. PARENTHETICALLY,
ABDULLAH WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER THE SHERPAO KILLING
MIGHT NOT HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH INTERNAL CTU POWER
RIVALRIES.

3. ANSWERING MY QUESTION, ABDULLAT SAID THAT
PWN GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN NO STEPS HE AWARE OF TO CLOSE
THE BORDER;'$

4. I TOLD ABDULLAH I WOULD REPORT HIS VIEWS AND SAID I
THOUGHT HIS STATEMENT DEPLORING ACTS OF VIOLENCE SUCH AS
THIS ASSASSINATION WAS USEFUL.

5. OTHERWISE, SITUATION IN KABUL CONTINUES TO BE ONE
OF "WAITING FOR SHOE TO DROP" -- PARTICULARLY PRIMIN BHUTTO'S
COMMENT ON SITUATION.

6. IT IS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST THAT WE HAVE HEARD IN

RECENT WEEKS THAT AJMAL KHATTAK, THE FREQUENTLY ACCUSED
(ESPECIALLY BY PAK MEDIA) TROULBEMAKER IN PUSHTUNISTAN/
BALUCHISTAN MATTERS, HAS IN FACT BEEN KEPT UNDER WRAPS
BY GOA AND NOT PERMITTED MUCH FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

7. IN FEBRUARY 6-7 TIMEFRAME, WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS
IN KABUL OF BOMB EXPLOSIIONS IN JALLALABAD AND ARRESTS
OF PAKISTANI NATIONALS. PAK COUNSELOR IN KABUL HAS STATED
THAT THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION OF ARRESTS OF PAK NATIONALS
AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED BOMBS.
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